

When will water flow back into the Silver Lake Re...

Subject: When will water flow back into the Silver Lake Reservoir?

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Friend --

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) reaffirmed some great news this past week -- water will start to flow back into the Silver Lake Reservoir in May of 2017.

The announcement was made during the second of three community meetings to discuss the future of the facility. During the meeting, which was held at John Marshall High School, the Department's Director of Water Management Marty Adams laid out three options for restoring the lake:

1. Restore the reservoir using stormwater from rain capture
2. Restore the reservoir using recycled water from Los Angeles - Glendale treatment plant
3. Restore the reservoir using groundwater from a nearby DWP facility off Fletcher Drive

The first option is unreliable, and nearly impossible to predict when Los Angeles will receive any rain that will add a significant amount of water to the reservoir. The second option is not only too costly, but is too time consuming to obtain proper permit approvals.

The third option satisfies all requirements - moving water into the reservoir as soon as possible, using an environmentally friendly resource, with the least amount of construction and disruption to our neighborhoods.

The immediate and long term future of the reservoir is meaningful to many Angelenos, who hold this amenity so close to their hearts. I look forward to our next discussion in November, which will focus on the long term ideas to beautify the area around the reservoir. I want to reassure you, whatever those ideas might be, they will not interfere with the timeline of restoring water to the reservoir in May.

Warm regards,

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